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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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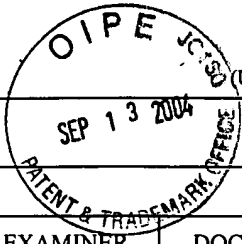
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	6 155 225	5 Dec. 2000	SUZUKI			
	4 254 746	10 March 1981	CHIBA et al.			
	6 105 547	22 Aug. 2000	SAKAMOTO			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	EP 0 376 299	4 July 1990	EPO				
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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